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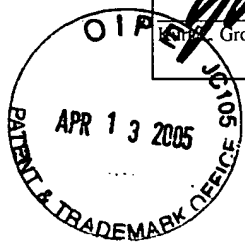
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith, which is imposed by Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. § 1.56), the art listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO-1449 (1 page) is called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. No admission is made that the cited art represents the prior art or that the cited art is the most material art.

Undersigned counsel received a Partial International Search Report as part of an Invitation to Pay Additional Fees in a counterpart PCT patent application. That Invitation is indicated to have been mail on April 1, 2005, and cites 4 references (U.S. Patent Nos. 4,745,950

and 6,193,697; GB Patent No. 2 339 455 and EP Patent No. 0 795 342). The Partial Search Report and related papers are attached as reference A.R.

The Examiner is urged to consider each of the cited references listed on the enclosed Substitute Form PTO-1449, and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality thereof.

It is believed that a first Office Action on the merits has yet to be mailed and thus no fee is believed due herefor. If a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

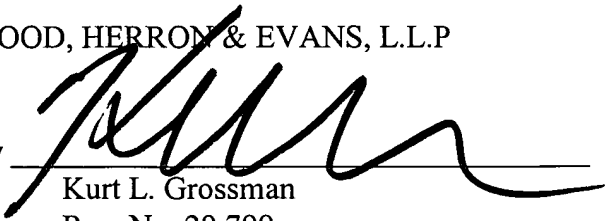
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Undersigned counsel is not aware that a First Office has as yet been issued in this application. The art now being cited, and to the extent not already of record, was cited in a communication (Partial International Search Report) from a foreign patent office (the European Patent Office) in a counterpart foreign PCT application not more than three months prior to the mailing date hereof, and received not more than thirty days prior hereto.

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